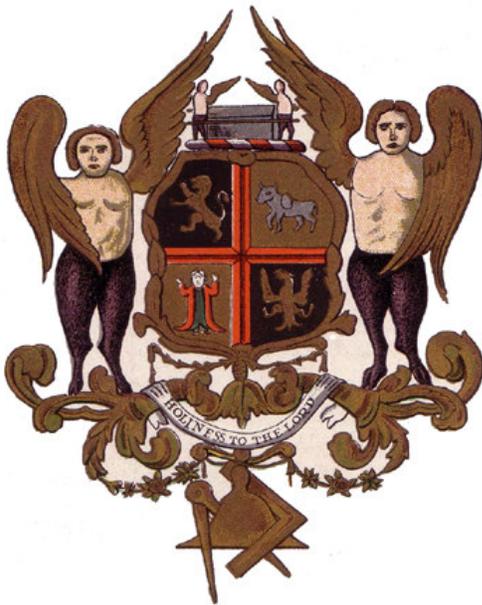


THE CRAFT FREEMASONRY

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English Craft Freemasonry Workings or the difference between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Regular Grand Lodge of England

The two main workings under the UGLE are Emulation and Stability. Both of these workings arrived in England via the Irish and Scottish Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of the Antients and which practiced Freemasonry as practiced and taught in Ireland and Scotland, in a totally different manner and form from how masonry had been worked since time immemorial in England.

The English Lodges, which followed the union on the 27th of December 1813 were made to

abandon their unique workings, and many old English Lodges had their traditional Craft workings which were far more beautiful, meaningful and symbolically correct taken from them and replaced with the basic and symbolically less accurate Irish and Scottish Masonic workings. It is indeed seen as almost a parody of the Craft history to know that pure Craft Freemasonry in the British Isles originated in England as clearly recorded and stated in the Regius Manuscript of 1390.

STABILITY

The Stability workings come from the Stability Lodge of Instruction (sanctioned by the Lodge of Stability now No.217 and formerly a "Antients" Lodge). A year after the Lodge of Reconciliation had finished its work it had among its 17 founders 16 brethren from the "Antients" body. Three Members of that Lodge were among its founders, and are claimed to have taught the forms and ceremonies rehearsed in it. In all, 8 members of the Lodge of Reconciliation joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction at various times.

EMULATION

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement was founded six years after Stability – that is, in 1823 – under the sanction of a London Lodge, an old "Antients" Lodge, now the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No.7; but in 1830 it passed to the sanction of the Lodge of the Unions, No. 256, formerly a "Moderns" Lodge, under which it still acts. Of the 21 founders, 10 were of the "Antients" body.

THE CRAFT RITUALS WORKINGS OF THE REGULAR GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

The Regular Grand Lodge of England promotes the practice of the following English Craft Freemasonry Rituals:

English Rite (1730-40)

Ancient English Rite (1730-40)

Clermont Rite (1745)

The Regular Grand Lodge, as a multi-ritualistic Grand Lodge also practices other Ritual such as the: **Rectified Scottish Rite** (1783) (Meaning that was rectified to the correct English tradition of the Craft, while keeping the Chivalric flair), the **Ancient and Primitive Rite**, and several other Rituals that comply with the necessary requirements in accordance with original English Craft Freemasonry.



MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL OF PERU

MW & RW Grand Officers, Officers of the MHC, the Mother High Council of the World and Brethren: We are pleased to give notice that the Masonic High Council of Peru is now composed with 5 Grand Lodges and is now the Principal Masonic Power in Peru. We once again heartily congratulate our Brethren from the Republic of Peru on the Installation of the Masonic High Council of Peru, and on uniting the Craft Freemasonry in Peru by bringing together the:

Gran Logia Austral del Perú

Gran Logia del Norte del Perú

Gran Logia del Sur del Perú

Gran Logia Occidental del Perú

Gran Logia del Centro del Perú

into a new confederation of Regular Grand Lodges for the whole of Peru.



Gran Logia del Centro del Peru



LOGE "AURORA DE HUANCAYO" (15) No.1

Fundación: 31 Mayo 1885



LOGE "ALBERTO HELLER" (91) No.2

Fundación: 30 Agosto 1969



LOGE "MAQUINHUAYO" (119) No.3

Fundación: 12 Junio 1975



LOGE "HUAYTAPALLANA" (123) No.4

Fundación: 16 Octubre 1976

COMMUNICATIONS



Masonic Council of the USA

Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges of the USA

2006 Annual Conference of Grand Masters

The Craft Grand Masters Conference Minutes

Thursday August 10th, 2006

The Masonic High Council of the USA, Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges of the USA, Annual Conference of Grand Masters took place on August 10th, 2006 in the City of Portsmouth, State of Virginia, USA. The following Grand Officers and High Council Members were present:

NAME	POSITION	STATE
MW Bro. Charles Mabry	Senior Grand Officer	Illinois
MW Bro. Lesley Harmason	Grand Chancellor	North Carolina
MW Bro. Sean Wilmore	Treasurer General	New Jersey
MW Bro. Joseph Burris	Secretary General	Virginia
MW Bro. Carlton Brigham	Council Member	Maryland
MW Bro. Samad Jennings	Council Member	Florida
MW Bro. Clifton Moore	Council Member	Connecticut

The Masonic High Council of the USA was open in due form and in the traditional way and by the striking sound of the gavel of the Most Worshipful Senior Grand Officer of the MHCUSA.

The High Council discussed and deliberated among other Masonic issues on the recognition of other Grand Lodges and Jurisdictions, all motions put forward were analyzed, debated and approved.

It was agreed and voted that in order for the Masonic High Council of the USA to recognize any other Grand Lodge that they must be incorporated within the State in which they are situated, and a copy of their Constitutions must be submitted to the Masonic High Council of the USA.

And as a minimum requirement they must follow the Anderson Constitutions of 1723 and abide by all the Landmarks of the Craft Freemasonry.

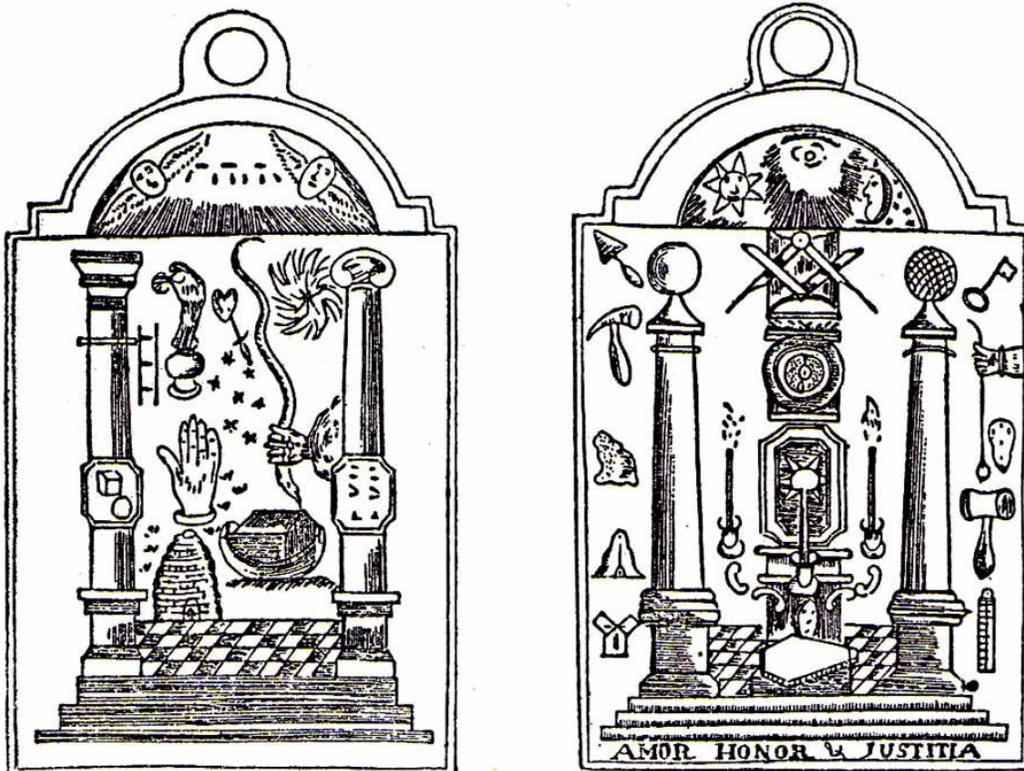
The Masonic High Council of the USA - Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges 2007 Annual Grand Assembly and Conference of Grand Masters shall take place in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois. Furthermore The Masonic High Council of the USA - Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges, found it convenient to announce that the 2008 Annual Conference of Grand Masters will be held in the City of Rocky Mountain, State of North Carolina.

The High Council drafted and voted on the By-Laws of the Masonic High Council of the USA and the same are to be sent to The Masonic High Council, the Mother Masonic High Council of the World. Any legitimate Grand Lodge in North America wishing to gain recognition by the Regular Grand Lodge of England and its affiliates must meet the standards of the Masonic High Council of the USA and become first affiliated with the same.

After all Masonic labours ended and great joy, happiness and brotherly love felt by all present the Masonic High Council of the USA was closed in the usual manner and by the striking sound of the gavel of the Most Worshipful the Senior Grand Officer of the MHCUSA.

Attest:

MW Bro. Joseph Burris, MHCUSA
Secretary General



All enquiries should be sent to the attention of The Masonic High Council Secretary General:

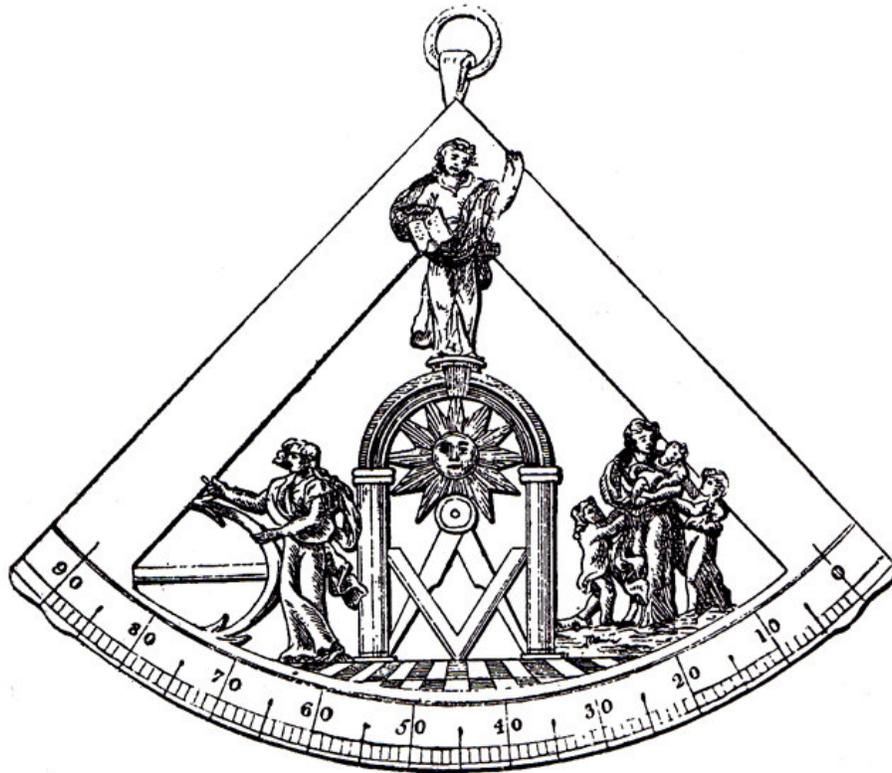
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THE MASONIC HIGH COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Brethren, we are pleased and comforted with the new foundations of Regular Craft Freemasonry in North America and in particular that of the United States of America. We commend the dedication and determination of the American Brethren in their vision to finally establish a proper conference of truly Masonic and regular Craft Freemasonry. We therefore wish to congratulate the Senior Grand Officer of the MHCUSA, President of the American Masons all the Regular Grand Masters of the USA on the establishment of the Masonic High Council of the United States of America to act as the centre of union and cement the Craft Fraternity enlightened by the symbolic and allegorical tradition of the Craft.

It is well known that in American territory there are some self-constituted "Grand Lodges" which are irregular in origin, unwarranted and therefore spurious organizations mimicking Masonic Ritual.

Freemasonry in America was taken for granted by a few of these organizations. Between each other they thought that such irregular practices were accepted (which it is obvious they are not).

These organizations had a quasi-monopoly control of "Craft Freemasonry" and were looked upon and even assumed to be practicing "Regular Freemasonry", which they were not and are not.

Therefore we have found it necessary to list some of these irregular and non-masonic practices:

First, several of the so-called "Grand Lodges" are unwarranted and irregular of origin.

Second, these "Grand Lodges" allow themselves to come under disproportionate influence through official treaties, or even the direct control of spurious organizations such as self-proclaimed Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, and as we all know this so-called Scottish Rite has no bearing on the Craft and furthermore, the same so-called Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is a spurious rite in its origins, constitutions and Rituals such as given ample notice by the Mother Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin in its' Declaration concerning this particular rite.

Third, these "Grand Lodges" have brought unwarranted innovations to what they called Masonry, such as the supposed regalia of a Grand Master and that part where apparently such is the case in certain instances where Grand Officers are shown wearing funny hats. This and other innovations to the uses and regalia of the Craft are just the tip of the iceberg.

Fourth, these supposed "Grand Lodges" "Initiate" people on one single day in their dozens and they are made to watch from their seat as some sort of "Initiation" on others takes place. These poor individuals are not even Initiated into the Craft.

Fifth, the Rituals they work are not of Ancient pure and regular English Craft Freemasonry, but derived from elsewhere.

Sixth, the use of swords, which is an ancient Masonic usage in ceremonial Masonic ritual is almost nonexistent.

Seventh, these so called Craft "Grand Lodges" have departed from the ancient method of organization of the Craft and ignore the complement ceremony of the Fellowcraft, the Mark Man or Mark Mason ceremony which is a fundamental part of ancient regular Craft Freemasonry.

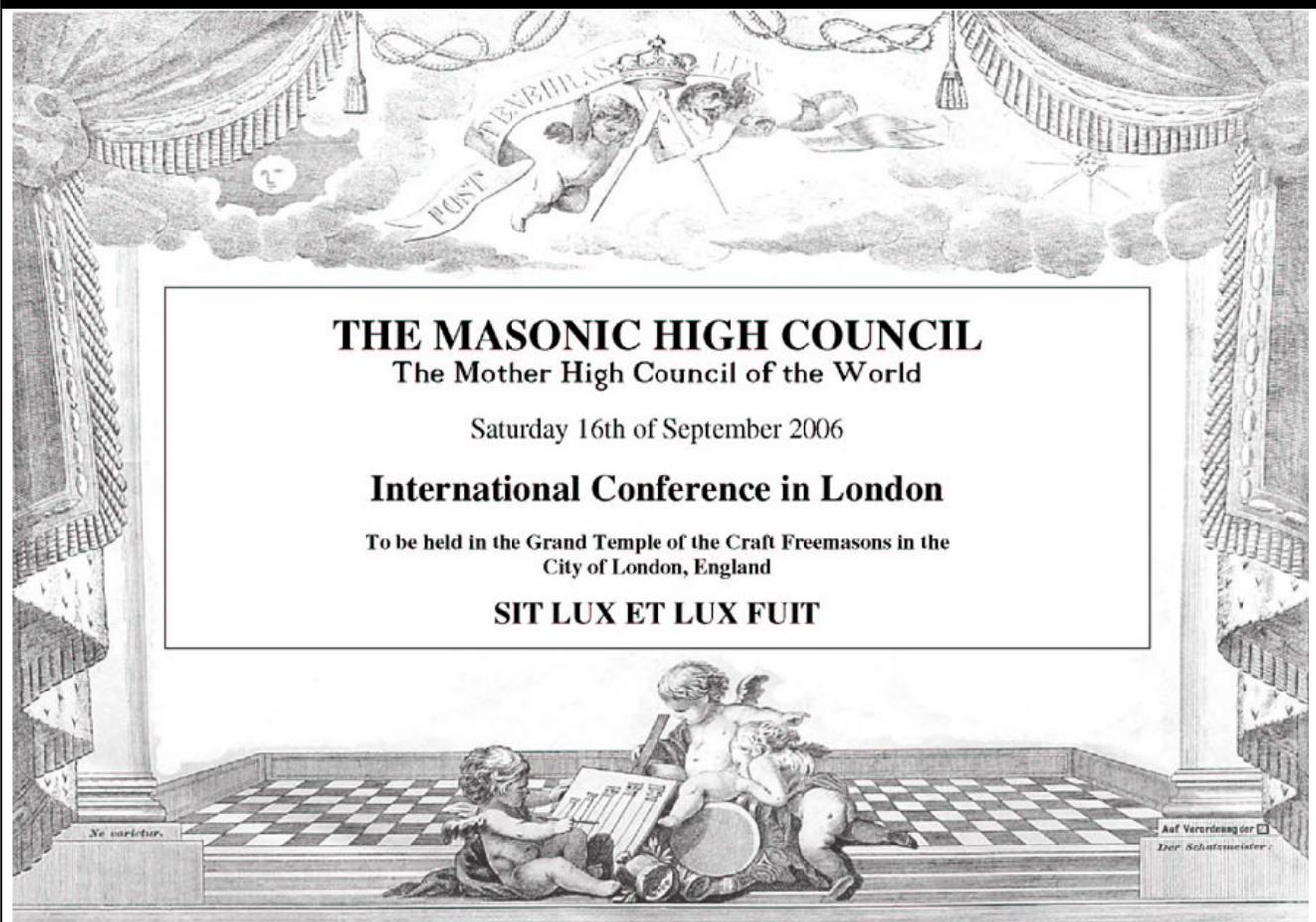
Eighth, that some so-called "Grand Lodges" have deconsecrated the Masonic Ritual by removing the VSL where the text of the legend of the Craft is present and replacing it with books unrelated and foreign to the Craft. This among all innovations they have made it is inadmissible.

Ninth, they have the deficiency of a required and mandatory Grand Chapter of the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch which is the complement of the legend of Craft Freemasonry.

In addition to these irregular practices, The majority of these so-called "Grand Lodges" have only one basic Ritual, denying masons the light and enjoyment of a vast and important portion of Masonic tradition. Regular Craft Freemasonry is multiritualistic, and to politically barricade masonry from any changes in the rules which would allow the full diversity of Masonic tradition to flourish is unacceptable.

Based on the above we have no other option than to sadly acknowledge the facts that these organizations are in themselves something like factories of profanes with aprons. They have lost the notion and purpose of the Craft. The original aim of the Fraternity has been given up by them, and therefore we see hope in the wise guidance and determination to establish Freemasonry true to the original aims and purpose of the Craft once again on American soil.





SENIOR GRAND OFFICERS MEETING

08:30AM Arrival of the Senior Grand Officers of the MHC and The Grand Delegations of Argentina, France, Italy, India, Lebanon, Middle East, Peru, Slovenia, USA and the all other Jurisdictions which we await confirmation of.

09:00AM Opening of the General Grand Assembly of the Masonic High Council the Mother High Council of the World:

- Report of the Secretary General
- Report of the new International Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges
- To receive motions, proposition, debate and vote accordingly.
- To sign "The Treaty of London", the Landmarks of Regular Craft Freemasonry.

11:00AM Refreshments

11:15AM To Elect a Grand Master as the Centre of Union and Harmony of the whole Craft, to appoint a Pro Grand Master and to Elect the Deputy Grand Masters and Assistant Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Secretary General and Grand Officers.

12:30PM Lunch

GRAND ASSEMBLY GENERAL MEETING

14:00PM Grand Assembly of the Regular Grand Lodge of England to be opened on the second degree of Craft Freemasonry.

17:00PM Masonic Agape